

In the Specification

Please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Application paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9:

This application is the U.S. national stage application of International patent application No. PCT/US04/36266, filed November 1, 2004, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/516,088, filed October 31, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please amend the following paragraph on page 8, lines 22-31:

Corn seed (designated as “Sil.Sh2”) comprising a dominant loss-of-function *sh2* allele was deposited with American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), P.O. Box 1549, Manassas, VA 20108, on November 1, 2004 and having ATCC accession number PTA-6269. The subject corn seed has been deposited under conditions that assure that access to the seed will be available during the pendency of this patent application to one determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto under 37 CFR 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. 122. The deposit will be available as required by foreign patent laws in countries wherein counterparts of the subject application, or its progeny, are filed. However, it should be understood that the availability of a deposit does not constitute a license to practice the subject invention in derogation of patent rights granted by governmental action.

After page 22: Please insert as new page 23 the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.